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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE FONMIN TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA

- 1. ON MAY 9 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS AHMED SIRAJ TOLD US THAT "A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO" THEY HAD RECEIVED AN UNSOLICITED MESSAGE FROM THE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMING THEM OF HIS DESIRE TO VISIT THE KINGDOM SHORTLY. THE SAG HAS YET TO REPLY.
- 2. SIRAJ SAID THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FERTILE GROUNDS FOR RADICAL TROUBLEMAKERS AND STRAINS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MODERATE STATES IN THE AREA WHICH SHOULD BE COOPERATING. THE SAG, HE SAID, HAS NO DESIRE TO RESUME ITS FORMER DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROBLEM. FOR ONE THING THE SAG IS SUFFICIENTLY INVOLVED WITH OTHER MATTERS CLOSER TO HOME, AND FOR ANOTHER, HE ADDED RATHER PLAINTIVELY, "WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO KNOW WHAT REALLY IS GOING ON."

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